

AIRPORT CHECK-IN SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An improved airport check-in system includes a central conveyor and a plurality of outwardly-extending conveyors. Airline agents operate workstations adjacent the outwardly
5 extending conveyors, which are accessible by passengers so that passengers can deposit their
own bags directly onto the conveyors. A number of electronic kiosks are provided to obtain
boarding passes having encoded passenger information. Check-in is accomplished in two
steps, including first obtaining a boarding pass and then proceeding to a baggage check
station to check bags. At the baggage check station, the boarding pass is scanned to quickly
10 retrieve key information that would otherwise have been gathered verbally, hastening the
check-in process.



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